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We should be happy, I suppose, that our
banks' routines are so closely guarded.

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"If the state is broke, why are they talking about big raises for the governor and other top officials?"

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Tactics by Reilly Tar called 'a media event'

To the editor: The public relations tactics of Reilly Tar & Chemical Co. in presenting the results of its 10-month study for cleanup of the contamination on its former land represent a staged media event that is not in the best interests of the people of St. Louis Park.

When litigation is in process, as it is in the lawsuit against Reilly Tar & Chemical Co., accepted procedure is to present studies and recommendations to the public, not the other way around. Lawyers repre-

senting the company have been asked to supply advance copies of the study's findings to the city of St. Louis Park, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, the Minnesota Health Department, and to me, but no copies have been forthcoming. These government agencies are responsible for protecting citizens' interests and for making final decisions on the cleanup process and the litigation underway. By withholding the report from the public, Reilly Tar & Chemical Co. demon-

strates a lack of cooperation that will not facilitate settlement of this complex lawsuit.

I'm convinced that the interests of the people of St. Louis Park would be better served by representatives of Reilly Tar sitting down and negotiating in good faith with these agencies responsible for the health of our community.—Gloria Segal, state representative.